



How to Spot the Spirit Living in You

John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-13, 42-47

GETTING STARTED

If you received a letter at home addressed to "Christ or Current Resident," what would your reaction be? Would this be one and the same person? Why or why not?

READ and REFLECT

One of the great realities of the Christian life is that God is not a God far away, but a God who comes close to us—incarnates himself IN us. Consider Gal 2:20, "...I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life is live in the body, I live by (or through) faith in the Son of God." Christ is our residence.

Read the Bible passages above.

What do these verses have in common?

What is given?

What are the actions?

What are the results?

Describe in your own words how the early church lived with one another (Acts 2:42-47).

How is this similar to the church today?

How do we act differently?

ENGAGE and DISCUSS

How do you most identify with the Spirit (*paraklete*) in your life?

Comforter—enfolds and encourages you when hurt or fearful

Counselor—teaching your God’s truth and providing insight for life

Advocate—speaks through you and to the lives of others for his purposes

Helper—provides strength to accomplish what matters most

Read the Acts passages again. There are two unmistakable vital signs of the Spirit in a person’s life:

- Passion for Community
- Passion for Outreach

How do you see these two vital signs in the early church community?

Do we (you) have these passions in you—being lived through us (you)? How?

What are the opportunities for you and your group to deepen your reality of the Spirit’s work in your life?

How are you being prompted to respond?

NEXT STEPS

- Reflect on the verses for this study this week.
- Do you want more of the Spirit’s control in your life..moving you more intentionally toward others in community and outreach?
- Ask God to help you surrender to the Spirit’s power.